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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

✓ Shuji SAITO et al.

Serial Number: 09/147,052 ✓

Group Art Unit: 1645

Filed: April 5, 1999 ✓

Examiner: HINES, J.

✓ For: NOVEL FUSED PROTEIN, GENE THEREFOR, RECOMBINANT VECTOR, RECOMBINANT VIRUS, AND ITS USE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 2, 2001

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2001, the Applicants respectfully request that the present application be amended as follows, and the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

A marked-up copy of the amendments is included in this response.